

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**Landfill Removal and Site Restoration****Former North Pacific Division Materials Testing Laboratory
Troutdale, Oregon**

1. Proposed Action. The Portland District, Northwest Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) proposes to remove an approximately 1/3rd acre above ground landfill at 1491 Northwest Graham Road in Troutdale, Multnomah County, Oregon. This location is within the southwest quadrant of Section 24, Township 1 North, Range 3 East. The landfill consists of construction debris accumulated by the laboratory during routine operations between 1950 and 1994. The landfill is above grade, and approximately 12 feet high. Prior testing during a Level 1 Hazards and Toxics assessment found common laboratory chemicals, concrete, asphalt, wood and steel debris within the landfill. No evidence of contamination was found below grade in test trenches. The site investigation concluded that, based on current EPA regulations, the landfill and its contents pose no threat to human health or the environment (Final Site Investigation Report – Former North Pacific Division Materials Testing Laboratory, Troutdale, Oregon. URS. 2002).

Removal of the landfill will consist of 1) the construction of a haul road loop on site, using existing quarry spall roads as a base; 2) removal of the entire landfill, to approximately 6 inches below grade, and disposal of the debris in a licensed landfill approved by the EPA to accept the materials known to be in the landfill; 3) regrading the site for drainage and hydro-seeding of exposed land surfaces.

Following these actions, this parcel and the adjacent laboratory building will be excessed to Mt. Hood Community College, for use in their educational programs.

2. Summary of Impacts. Impacts from the removal action are expected to be minor and temporary in nature. Specifically, existing vegetation will be removed from the landfill form; noise disturbance will be created by use of machinery; local soils will be exposed by excavation, possibly resulting in run-off effects; dust from excavated debris may be lost during transport. No endangered or threatened species are known from the site – the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has concurred that there will be no effects to listed species. No cultural or Native American resources are known from the site, and the Oregon State Historic Preservation Officer has concurred that there will be no cultural resources impact. There are no wetlands on the site; no connection to waters of the U.S.; no wetlands were filled during the construction of the landfill. There will be no impacts to wetlands or waters of the U.S.

3. Finding of No Significant Impact. I have determined that the proposed action is in accordance with the environmental documentation, and that planning for this project

complies with all applicable laws, regulations, and agency consultations, including the Endangered Species Act, Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, and National Environmental Policy Act. Based on the analysis described above and provided in more detail in the accompanying EA, this project is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of human environment, and therefore, does not require preparation of an environmental impact statement.

Date

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Commanding